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**Burlington Joins Other Cities Working on Sustainability
At Urban Sustainability Directors Network Gathering**

*2nd Annual Meeting Brings Together Sustainability Coordinators from Around the Country to
Promote Environmental Solutions and Municipal Cost Saving*

Burlington, VT – September 21, 2010. Burlington's Legacy Project Coordinator joins 80 other municipal leaders from cities around North America at the second annual Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) gathering in Boston, September 22 to 24. Funded by the Surdna Foundation, The Home Depot Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and the Blackstone Ranch Institute, the USDN was formed to enable public sector sustainability managers to learn from each other and accelerate sustainability goals. Burlington is joined at the meeting by sustainability colleagues from New York, Seattle, Portland, Boston, and others. Burlington is a founding member.

"We are happy to be part of this dynamic group of sustainability practitioners," said Jennifer Green, Sustainability and Legacy Coordinator. "Burlington was invited to participate because of our longstanding efforts, through the Legacy Project, to encourage more sustainable practices.

I'm pleased to have the opportunity to share Burlington's experience with people across the country – as well as the important role of our stakeholder institutions such as UVM, FAHC, Champlain College, BED, and the Chamber of Commerce – in realizing the goals of the Legacy Action Plan.”

Topics of discussion include issues such as energy efficiency, zero waste strategies, and green workforce development. Burlington has been asked to share its work on to implement the Legacy Action Plan, Burlington's 2030 vision. “It is exciting to be part of this dynamic group of practitioners and to share Burlington's expertise with others,” said Joe Speidel, Legacy Steering Committee, co-chair. “Burlington is special because we have a comprehensive understanding of sustainability – one that integrates social equity, economics, educational opportunities, *and* the environment. And, although Burlington has been leading the pack in many ways, we still have much to learn from our colleagues. The USDN is a great resource that will encourage more effective work and allow us to build stronger communities.”

For information on the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, please contact USDN Coordinator Julia Parzen at 773-288-3596 or via email at juliaparzen@ameritech.net. For information on Burlington's involvement in the Network, or Burlington's Legacy Project, please contact Legacy Steering Committee Co-Chair Joe Speidel at jspeidel@uvm.edu or Jennifer Green at jgreen@ci.burlington.vt.us. Information on the Legacy Project and Legacy Action Plan can be found at: <http://burlingtonlegacyproject.org/>.